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To the Editor of the New York
Courier -

Dear Sir

The New York Courier
of the inst. (March 10th) containing
a communication to the Honourable
Edw. A. Courtney Mayor of the City
of Charleston & the action of the Council
of this City.

The letter which was published
speaking of the wife of Mr Calhoun
and her daughter the only surviving
members of Mr Calhoun's family.

The conversations upon the subject
with Mr J. C. Calhoun & Mrs
Calhoun are the only conversations
that I ever heard of upon the remains
of Mr Calhoun's wife & the daughter.
That never entered my mind. I never
heard any other of Mr Calhoun's
family speak about the matter & as
that so delicate a subject it was
but natural that I should not
witness any of it.
interfered. When Mr Calhoun died

we were in Europe (my family & self)

I was in Europe with my family
we returned in 1851. My Calhoun
was with us at our residence at
times, also we were also with
her at Fort Hill & lived together
until the war when I left Charleston
for South Carolina. After the war
we were all gathered until Mr.
Calhoun died in Pendleton.

During the period, the question
of Mr. Calhoun's removal, and
his removal was frequently spoken
and I do not ~~recollect~~ of ever having
expressed an opinion. I was
But the intention of removing the
remains was spoken of by Mrs. Calhoun
to others her friends living & frequent
visitors before her death. It was not
a suggestion of any one that excited ~~these~~ her.
The intention was frequently men-
tioned to me by Mrs. Clanton & she
is not here for an innocent cause
on my part. She Mrs. Clanton

would have made the demand to
have the remains of her father removed
to the grave yard of the Episcopal
Church in Penikese - Where Mr.
Calhoun & most of her children
lie - I felt then as I have ever since
that the request was to depend on
myself. and with increasing age
and with failing health. I considered
it a duty to make the charge
which had been buried ⁱⁿ my heart
known to your honour -

There are persons living, & others
the views of Mrs. Calhoun & those of
were familiar with Mrs. Clamsons
~~intention~~, as the last members of Mrs.

~~The question of the fund that~~
~~was raised for a monument to will~~
I presume corroborate those ~~intentions~~, for I
knows they were openly expressed - So
far as my brother in law was con-
cerned I never spoke to any of
on the matter - Mrs. A. P. Calhoun

lived at Fort Hill until he ~~died~~
when my family were in England
living with Mrs Calhoun. There
was no communication with Mrs
Calhoun or any of my family with
Mr A Calhoun until a few days
previous to the death of Mr A Calhoun
which was a short time previous
to his death & that interview was made
at the instance of Mrs Cameron - I
had ceased seeing Mr A. J. Calhoun
since the year 1845 nor do I recollect
ever seeing that gentleman in Mrs
Calhoun's house nor do I recollect
of any of finally visiting Fort Hill.

I have no inclination or taste for
ignoble strife & therefore held myself
aloof & interfere at all in any way with
those differences.

In the letter to his Honour Major
Crittenden I expressed myself as